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U.S. Consulate General Hosts American Scholar Clayborne Carson for Lecture Series Entitled, "Martin Luther King Jr.'s Journey to Nonviolence"

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Jerusalem

Dr. Clayborne Carson, an American professor of history at Stanford University in California, scholar on Martin Luther King, Jr., and leader in the American Civil Rights Movement, visited the West Bank on a U.S. Department of State-funded program to commemorate the annual February celebration of African-American History Month. Several Palestinian civil society organizations and institutions hosted Dr. Carson for lectures and roundtable discussions about nonviolent resistance and civic engagement from February 22-24, 2010.

Dr. Carson joined prominent leaders in the Palestinian nonviolence movement, social and political activists, community and religious leaders, students and academics at events in Bethlehem, Ramallah, Hebron, and Jerusalem. Topics included the history of nonviolent activism during the American Civil Rights Movement, the role and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the potential of proven nonviolence tactics to achieve social and political change in general and in Palestine. [Read all](#)

القنصلية الامريكية تستضيف المؤرخ الامريكي كليبورن كارسون لتقديم سلسلة محاضرات بعنوان "رحلة مارتن لوثر كينج باتجاه اللاعنف"

زار استاذ التاريخ الامريكي الدكتور كليبورن كارسون من جامعة ستانفورد في كاليفورنيا والمختص في حركة مارتن لوثر كينج و قائد في الحركات الامريكية للحقوق المدنية، زار الضفة الغربية و القدس في برنامج ممول من القنصلية الامريكية و ذلك لاحياء الفعاليات السنوية لتاريخ العلاقات الامريكية الافريقية. حيث استضافته عدة مؤسسات فلسطينية مختصة بالحقوق المدنية لاعطاء محاضرات و نقاشات حول اللاعنف و المقاومة السلمية و تشجيع المشاركة المدنية.

وقد انضم الدكتور كارسون الى عدد من القادة البارزين في حركات اللاعنف الفلسطينيين والنشطاء السياسيين بالاضافة الى قادة دينيين و مجتمعيين و طلاب و اكاديميين في لقاءات و أنشطة في كل من بيت لحم ورام الله و الخليل و القدس. كما تضمنت النقاشات تاريخ اللاعنف في حركات التحرر المدنية الامريكية و دور وارث مارتن لوثر كينج وتقنيات اللاعنف لتحقيق التغير السياسي بشكل عام وفي فلسطين بشكل خاص. [اقرأ المزيد](#)



The Power of Education

by Phuong Ly

Chicago - When Oprah Winfrey was 3 years old, her grandmother taught her to read. When Winfrey walked into a radio station at age 16, she had never thought about becoming a broadcaster. But she was sure of one thing - she loved to read.

She had just won a beauty pageant and was at the station to pick up her prize when a man in the station's newsroom said, "Hey, kid, do you want to hear your voice on tape?" He handed her a news article, and she took the microphone with confidence.

"I read like a champion," Winfrey recalls. "Yes, because one thing I know I can do, 'You want me to read something? I will read for you, sir.'"

After she read the news, right then, the station hired her. From there, the poor girl raised on a Mississippi farm won a college scholarship, worked television news jobs, landed her own talk show and became one of the richest and most influential celebrities in the world.

Reading changed the trajectory of Winfrey's life, and she has never forgotten it. As her success grew, so did her philanthropic work to promote education, which she calls the "open door to anybody's future."

Winfrey long had thought of making the leap from writing checks for scholarships and literacy programs to creating her own school for disadvantaged girls. But she had never focused on that dream; it was something to do some day. Then, in December 2000, she met with former South African President Nelson Mandela and casually mentioned the idea. He jumped off the sofa and phoned the minister of education, Kader Asmal. [Read More](#)

In Educating Girls, Oprah Winfrey Works "to Get It Right"

Chicago — Nothing in Oprah Winfrey's life has made her prouder than creating her school for girls in Henley-on-Klip, South Africa. And nothing, she says, has given her more headaches.

The scope of her vision is immense: to help students who grew up amid poverty, abuse and trauma not only to graduate from high school, but to go on to college and become South Africa's leaders.

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المقالة باللغة العربية: أوبرا وينفري لا تزال تعشق المدرسة

WOMEN OF COURAGE



World Reflects on Women's Progress, Remaining Obstacles Equal opportunity, health and gender-based violence remain issues

Washington — In March, the world observes International Women's Day, and, in the United States, Women's History Month. And while women have made great strides in many areas where they once were marginalized, there is still much work to be done in areas including education, health and gender-based violence.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has vowed to make women's issues a centerpiece of her term as secretary. During her confirmation hearing, she spoke of her concern with the plight of women and girls, who make up the majority of the uneducated and unhealthy in the world.

Clinton will attend several events marking [International Women's Day](#).

On March 10 in Washington, Clinton will host the annual International Women of Courage Awards at the Department of State. Those awards, established in March 2007 by then-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, recognize women around the globe who have shown exceptional courage and leadership in advocating human rights. This is the only award within the Department of State that pays tribute to outstanding women leaders worldwide. It recognizes the courage and leadership they have shown as they struggle for social justice and equal rights.

Also on March 10, Clinton will present the Global Trailblazer Award to Melinda Gates of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at the ninth annual Vital Voices Global Leadership Awards celebration at the Kennedy Center in Washington. Vital Voices is an international, nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that promotes the participation of women in leadership roles in the political processes of their countries. Clinton helped found the [Vital Voices Global Partnership](#) in 1997 following the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing. In an impassioned speech at that U.N. conference, Clinton, who was first lady at the time, made her famous statement: "Human rights are women's rights; and women's rights are human rights."

Since 1987, the United States has celebrated each March as [National Women's History Month](#). But the Obama administration, in efforts spearheaded by Clinton, is clearly making women's issues a year-round concern.

"I am convinced that our daughters can contribute just as much to society as our sons," [President Obama has said](#). "Our common prosperity will be advanced by allowing all humanity — men and women — to reach their full potential."

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What is MEPI?

The [Middle East Partnership Initiative \(MEPI\)](#), located within the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, supports efforts to expand political participation, strengthen civil society and the rule of law, empower women and youth, create educational opportunities, and foster economic reform throughout the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Through timely, responsive and innovative approaches, MEPI projects provide critical assistance to local reformers using three primary programming mechanisms:

- [Education and Exchange Programs](#)
- [MEPI Local Grants](#)
- [Washington Awards](#)

In addition to its main office in Washington, DC, MEPI maintains two regional offices in Tunis and Abu Dhabi. The [MEPI Regional Office \(RO\) in Tunis](#) administers more than \$2 million in programming each year across North Africa and the Levant, including the Palestinian Territories. Programs consist of conferences, exchange programs, and funding opportunities such as the Local Grants Program and Civil Society Grants.

MEPI Coordinators are located in U.S. Embassies and Consulates across the region. The MEPI Coordinator in the U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem provides oversight of all MEPI programming in the Palestinian Territories and serves as the local point of contact for MEPI award recipients. For further information regarding specific MEPI awards in the Palestinian Territories please email, MEPIJerusalem@state.gov.



The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Consulate General, Jerusalem Announces the AY 2011 - 2012 Fulbright Science and Technology Scholarship PhD Student Program

The Fulbright Science and Technology Scholarship is a highly selective program for PhD study at top U.S. institutions in science, technology, or engineering. Approximately 45 awards will be competed worldwide for candidates who demonstrate unique aptitude and innovation in scientific fields. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership qualities, and a commitment to improving cross-cultural relations through international exchange.

The fellowship will provide the following benefits: Activities, tuition and fees; a monthly stipend for up to 36 months; books and equipment, research and professional conference allowances; J-1 visa sponsorship; round-trip airfare from fellow's home city to the host institution in the United States; health and accident coverage as per U.S. Government guidelines; and specially tailored enrichment activities. After three years, the host U.S. university will be expected to cover the remaining expenses toward completion of the Ph.D.

For more information on Application and Requirements [click here](#)

Special E-Docs for Women's History Month:

- ✓ FEMALE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT CURRENTLY IN OFFICE. Worldwide Guide to Women in Leadership. January 20, 2010.
- ✓ INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: EQUAL RIGHTS, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES: PROGRESS FOR ALL. U.N. Development Fund for Women. March 8, 2010.
- ✓ WOMEN BREAKING MUSICAL BARRIERS. Smithsonian Institute. March 2010.
- ✓ WOMEN NOBEL LAUREATES. Nobel Foundation. 2010.
- ✓ DETAILED CHRONOLOGY: NATIONAL WOMAN'S PARTY HISTORY. American Memory, Library of Congress. 2010.
- ✓ FAMOUS FIRSTS IN AMERICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY. History.com. 2010.
- ✓ THE HISTORY OF WOMEN AND EDUCATION. National Women's History Museum. 2010.
- ✓ WOMEN COME TO THE FRONT: JOURNALISTS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, AND BROADCASTERS DURING WORLD WAR II. Library of Congress. 2010.
- ✓ WOMEN IN AVIATION AND SPACE HISTORY. Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Aeronautics Division. 2010.
- ✓ WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: WRITING WOMEN BACK INTO HISTORY. Library of Congress. March 2010.

Selected E-Docs:

- ✓ AN INTERNATIONAL LOOK AT HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND. Brookings Institution. Darrell M. West. February 23, 2010.
- ✓ THE TRANSFORMATION OF WORLD TRADE. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Uri Dadush and Shimelse Ali. February 22, 2010.
- ✓ ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT ON PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009. Vice President Joe Biden. February 2010.

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